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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop: Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 1, 2002, having a shortened statutory period for response which expired on January 1, 2003, please amend the above-captioned application as follows: